

TRANSPORTATION POLICY PLAN

GLOSSARY

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CONTEXT SENSITIVE SOLUTIONS (CSS): A collaborative, interdisciplinary approach that involves all stakeholders to develop a transportation facility that fits its physical setting and preserves scenic, aesthetic, historic and environmental resources, while maintaining safety and mobility. CSS is an approach that considers the total context within which a transportation improvement project will exist (Federal Highway Administration, FHWA).

NEW DEFINITION TO BE ADDED

CORRIDOR STUDIES: Studies which determine whether there exist a need to be addressed by the project and an analysis of a range of reasonable alternatives with regard to their effectiveness in meeting County transportation goals and objectives, their cost and their direct, indirect and cumulative impacts on the environment, heritage resources, parklands, stable and/or residential neighborhoods, and other social and economic values. The scope and geographic breadth of corridor level studies must be commensurate with the scale of the impact area involved, the size of alternative investments being evaluated, and the magnitude of potential impacts.

NEW DEFINITION TO BE ADDED

HIGH OCCUPANCY VEHICLE (HOV) LANE: Roadway or roadway elements that are restricted to use by carpools, vanpools, transit or other HOVs during certain time periods. HOV facilities may consist of designated diamond lanes or exclusive facilities separated from conventional traffic barriers. Policies on the minimum number of passengers using HOV lanes should be generally determined by travel characteristics of individual corridors, capacity and traffic volume of HOV lanes, and other operational considerations.

REVISED DEFINITION

HIGH OCCUPANCY TOLL (HOT) LANE: A High Occupancy Toll (HOT) lane is a toll enacted on vehicles accessing road facilities designated for the use of high occupancy vehicles (HOVs). Tolls for HOVs may be reduced or free. Implementation of HOT lanes should ensure adequate capacity to accommodate HOV traffic. High Occupancy Tolls are a form of road pricing. Variable tolls are often used pending congestion level in the HOT lane.

NEW DEFINITION TO BE ADDED

MWCOG: Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOG) is a regional organization composed of 20 local governments of the Washington Capital area.

MWCOG develops coordinated regional responses and actions to issues on the environment, affordable housing, economic development, health and family concerns, human services, population growth, public safety, and transportation.

NEW DEFINITION TO BE ADDED

NATIONAL AMBIENT AIR QUALITY: The Clean Air Act, which was last amended in 1990, requires the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to set National Ambient Air Quality Standards for pollutants considered harmful to public health and the environment.

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VDRPT: Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation

WMATA: Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority